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## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

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International application No. PCT/JP2003/012896	International filing date (day/month/year) Priority date (day/month/year)  08 October 2003 (08.10.2003) 09 October 2002 (09.10.2002)					
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC A61B 8/14						
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<ol> <li>This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</li> </ol>						
2. This REPORT consists of a total of	4 sheets, including this cover sheet.					
This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).						
These annexes consist of a total of 3 sheets.						
3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:						
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П Priority	II Priority					
III Non-establishment	of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability					
IV Lack of unity of inv	ention					
V Reasoned statement citations and explan	V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement					
VI Certain documents cited						
VII Certain defects in the	VII Certain defects in the international application					
VIII Certain observations on the international application						
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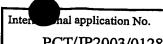


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* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rule 70.16 and 70.17).							
** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.							





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III. Nor	III. Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability				
1. The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:					
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Supplemental Box

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Continuation of: III.1

The inventions as set forth in claims 1 to 12 are not the inventions that were set forth in the claims of the international application as filed; therefore, an international search report was not created in relation to said inventions.